

The Regular Session was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mayor Ferguson with City Councilors Medina, Harriman, Miller and Nesbitt present along with City Attorney Landwehr, City Manager Coleman, Deputy City Clerk Meehan, Community Development Director Westbay, Finance Director Hanson, Fire Marshall Spritzer, Building Official Sniffen, Western State College Assistant to President Larry Meredith, and several interested citizens.

Consent Agenda:

Mayor Ferguson stated the Consent Agenda is a group of items, which Council has already reviewed. The Mayor asked if any citizen or Councilor wished to have any specific item discussed or removed. There was no request.

Special Session Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2005.

Regular Session Meeting Minutes of November 22, 2005

Intergovernmental Agreement with Gunnison County Re: Undesireable Plant Management

Councilor Harriman moved and Councilor Medina seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read.

Roll call vote, yes: Medina, Harriman, Ferguson, Miller, Nesbitt. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Pre-Scheduled Citizens:

Update on Western State College - Western State College Assistant to President, Larry Meredith. Update included:

- Dr. Jay Helman was at a Joint Budget Committee meeting for the State Colleges in Denver representing WSC
 - Referendum C passed – Governor has not determined how funds will be disbursed. State Colleges will ask for funds to cover mandated costs, such as energy costs, technology, personnel issues, etc.
 - Unfunded enrollment: funds owed to colleges by the State – State provides a certain amount of dollars per enrolled student which hasn't happened the last several years. Colleges are asking to be caught up with that money that they are owed.
 - Hoping to receive second half of State funding from when the State College system broke up and became independent.
 - Proposing to raise the amount of the Colorado College Opportunity Fund per student to \$2,580.00.
 - All of this is speculative, depends on what happens in the Legislature.
- They have hired an architect and a general contractor for the Borick Building and hopefully start groundbreaking in May and move in by Fall of 2007.
- Remodeling the Kelley Building next on the list.
- Commencement is Saturday, December 17th at 10:00 A.M. in Wright Gymnasium. Colorado State Representative Kathleen Curry will be the speaker.
- National Champion Cross Country Men's Team won the NCAA Division II.
- Students evaluating their professors were given high marks from student evaluations which is complied and evaluated by the IDEA Center at Kansas State University.
- Hurricane Relief – 44 Western students and 6 staff members spent Thanksgiving Break in Louisiana doing cleanup work for victims of Hurricane Katrina and Rita. Received several letters of thanks, one from James David Cain, Louisiana State Senator.

Mayor Ferguson thanked Mr. Meredith for the regular updates.

Unfinished Business:

Proposed 2006 City Budget. Finance Director Hanson stated she had no additions or changes to the proposed budget.

New Business: None.

Ordinance and Resolutions:

Ordinance No. 14, Series 2005; Re: Setting A Tax Mil Levy; 2nd Reading.

Councilor Harriman introduced Ordinance No. 14, Series 2005, and it was read by title only by the City Attorney with the amount of the mil levy being set at 3.868 mils.

Councilor Harriman moved and Councilor Nesbitt seconded the motion that Ordinance No. 14, Series 2005, **AN ORDINANCE SETTING A TAX LEVY FOR THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO**, be introduced, read, passed and adopted on second reading this 13th day of December, 2005.

Roll call vote, yes: Harriman, Ferguson, Miller, Nesbitt, Medina. So carried.
Roll call vote, no: None.

Ordinance No. 15, Series 2005; Re: 2006 Budget; 2nd Reading.

Councilor Medina introduced Ordinance No. 15, Series 2005, and it was read by title along with Sections 1 and 2, by the City Attorney.

Councilor Harriman moved and Councilor Miller seconded the motion that Ordinance No. 15, Series 2005, **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROPRIATING AN ANNUAL BUDGET**, be introduced, read, passed and adopted on second reading this 13th day of December, 2005.

Roll call vote, yes: Ferguson, Miller, Nesbitt, Medina, Harriman. So carried.
Roll call vote, no: None.

Ordinance No. 16, Series 2005; Re: Adopting an Additional Appropriation for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2005; 2nd Reading.

Councilor Miller introduced Ordinance No. 16, Series 2005, and it was read by title along with Sections 1 and 2, by the City Attorney.

Councilor Miller moved and Councilor Nesbitt seconded the motion that Ordinance No. 16, Series 2005, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, ADOPTING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2005**, be introduced, read, passed and adopted on second reading this 13th day of December, 2005.

Councilor Nesbitt asked the Mayor to explain how an additional appropriation works. The Mayor stated that these are all budget adjustments that Council has discussed and agreed upon throughout the year. We deal with one ordinance at the end of the year to make those adjustments to the budget. Sometimes the budget is adjusted due to receiving grants or unexpected expenses.

Council and the Finance Director briefly went over the Community Center expenses and stated that the Center was built by grants, donations, sale of City Property, in-kind services, Capital Reserve fund. Taxes were not raised to build the Center.

Roll call vote, yes: Nesbitt, Medina, Harriman, Ferguson, Miller. So carried.
Roll call vote, no: None.

Ordinance No. 17, Series 2005; Re: Amending the Boundary and Zoning District Classification of Meadows Village Subdivision from PUD R-2M and PUD R-3 to PUD R-1M District; 2nd Reading.

Councilor Nesbitt introduced Ordinance No. 17, Series 2005, and it was read by title only by the City Attorney.

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Miller seconded the motion that Ordinance No. 17, Series 2005, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION OF THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS THE MEADOWS VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE GUNNISON COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER, BEARING RECEPTION NO. 554848, CITY OF GUNNISON, COUNTY OF GUNNISON, STATE OF COLORADO, FROM PUD R-2M AND PUD R-3 TO PUD R-1M; AND AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON**, be introduced, read, passed and adopted on second reading this 13th day of December, 2005.

Roll call vote, yes: Medina, Harriman, Ferguson, Miller, Nesbitt. So carried.
Roll call vote, no: None.

Resolution No. 36, Series 2005; Re: Canceling Regular Session Meeting Scheduled for December 27, 2005 .

Councilor Nesbitt introduced Resolution No. 36, Series 2005, and it was read by title only by the City Attorney.

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Medina seconded the motion that Resolution No. 36, Series 2005, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, TO CANCEL THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 27, 2005** be introduced, read, passed and adopted this 13th day of December, 2005.

Roll call vote, yes: Harriman, Ferguson, Miller, Nesbitt, Medina, So carried.
Roll call vote, no: None.

City Attorney: Nothing to report.

City Manager: Ken Coleman: 1. Working on Public Works Director replacement, keeping same internal structure & advertising internally and externally in various publications. 2. Attended a discussion regarding the Events Coordinator. 3. Attended the Mayors'/Managers' meeting in Crested Butte. 4. Update on snow removal – Council received a memo from him regarding this. 5. Working with Staff on the prioritization for the Economic Development discussion and that will be forwarded to Council shortly.

Acting City Manager: City Clerk Davidson: - Clerk's Departmental Report. City Clerk Davidson was out of town on vacation. Deputy City Clerk Meehan stated the Clerk's Departmental report was in Council's packets and asked if they had any questions. She stated that the annual Youth City Council Silent auction was a success and the students met the necessary \$500 in seed money required for the El Pomar matching grant funds. She thanked Council and the community for their support of Y.C.C. The grant money will be granted out to Gunnison area non-profit entities in 2006. Mayor Ferguson asked about progress on the damaged records in the Kelley Building. Deputy Clerk Meehan stated that the records were moved in time with minimal water damage and they will be re-boxed and replaced when the room damage is repaired after the first of the year.

Councilor Miller stated that he was contacted by Jim Townsend regarding a safety/maintenance issue at the ice rink. The mat that lies between the rink and the locker rooms is very old and needs replaced. The approximate cost is \$3,000 and the Hockey Committee has \$1,500 and would like to ask the City for matching funds. If we order immediately the mat can be here before Christmas, otherwise it would be well into January and at the end of the hockey/skating season. Considering the liability this should be done as soon as possible. The Finance Director stated that they can use a general fund line item since we saved money from the server purchase.

Councilor Miller moved and Councilor Nesbitt seconded the motion for Finance Director Hanson and City Manager Coleman to appropriate \$1,500 for the matching funds for purchasing new mats for the ice skating rink between the rink and the locker room.

Roll call vote, yes: Harriman, Ferguson, Miller, Nesbitt, Medina. So carried.
Roll call vote, no: None.

Non-Scheduled Citizens: Citizen Eric Ferchau mentioned the possibility of extending the IOOF Park to the back of some of the businesses that are adjacent to the park. City Manager Coleman asked about the possibility of adding public restrooms. Discussion ensued. Mayor Ferguson stated it would be a great opportunity to work together.

General Discussion/Items for Work Session:

Councilor Medina: Asked Finance Director Hanson when the monies loaned to the Insurance Fund will be paid back? Hanson replied that \$60,000 has been paid back and the remaining \$20,000 is being audited. There are continued sizable claims coming in. The Insurance Fund will pay back the General Fund in 2006. RTA Update: 1. Thanked the City Manager for attending the last two meetings. 2. Richard Karas will be seated on the ground transportation group that will address ground transportation service between Gunnison and Crested Butte. 3. United Airlines experiencing some conflicts with seats being overbooked. CBMR reported a 20% increase in bookings which corresponds to a 20% increase in passenger seats. 4. Possible start-up costs of American Airlines could be \$112,000 which the RTA would be responsible for.

Councilor Nesbitt: Tourism Association Meeting Update: 1. This is the T.A.'s 3rd year and it looks like the advertising strategy is working. December showed 86% of seats sold out and January so far has 55% seats sold out. They have sold more seats to date than Continental sold all year. They sponsored a "Kids stay Free" program which received mention on USA Today, The Today Show, CNN, ESPN, The Weather Channel, Hispania Network and more. 3. Currently, the Lodging tax is split 50/50 between the North and South ends of the valley. The North end wants to discuss a different split. 4. T.A. wants to develop a "driving" handout/mailer that covers more than 3,000 Historical Assets spots in the County. 5. Businesses are receiving feedback & beef orders from Magazine advertising. 6. T.A. website traffic is up 94% and the average stay on the site is 7 1/2 minutes.

Councilor Harriman: There was no Housing Authority Board meeting this month but she has some Board updates. 1. Meeting on November 9th. Fanny Mae reps had never been to Gunnison gave info on educating realtors and bankers regarding deed restricted financing. 2. December 5th the Housing Authority sponsored a Spanish language education session for buying homes, doing contracts and leases providing translations and explanations, responsibilities, pitfalls, etc. 3. Changes to the County's Land Use regarding essential housing has moved forward to the County Commissioners and the Commissioners will have four work sessions for the public to express concerns or ideas about the Ordinance that is proposed. They are: Jan. 12th & 18th at 7:00 P.M. in Crested Butte Town Hall and 11th & 19th in the County Commissioners room in Gunnison County Courthouse at 7:00 P.M. Discussion ensued. 4. Attended a Master Plan Steering Committee meeting last week and discussed economic development.

Councilor Miller: Nothing to report.

Mayor Ferguson: Asked City Manager Coleman to report on the Mayors'/Managers' meeting: 1. LUR piece on affordable housing. 2. Discussed the Sage Grouse Coordinator position the County filled, they will be coming to address Council about expenses & salary support for funding that position on Jan. 10th. 3. Discussed the formation of a Regional Authority for the Library Task Force in building a new facility. 4. Town of Crested Butte reported that their sales tax is up 20% from this time last year; discussing funding a recreation center/arts facility for 2006 development; they will have a retreat with their Council and Managers on December 15th to discuss Economic Development and other items. 5. There may be administrative action by the State Police to limit state-wide bike activities. Discussion ensued. 6. The Town Center development continues to disrupt the Mt. Crested Butte base area in drop off points for busses; discussed on-going transportation issues in that part of the valley.

Mayor Ferguson: Commissioners invited us to attend a meeting at the Crested Butte Chamber to talk about the valley-wide Events Coordinator position. Discussion ensued.

Executive Session: Discussion on real property issues as outlined under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(a), 24-6-402(4)(b) and 24-6-402(4)(e).

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Harriman seconded the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss real property issues as outlined under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(a), 24-6-402(4)(b) and 24-6-402(4)(e) and that no action will be taken in Executive Session.

Roll call vote, yes: Ferguson, Miller, Nesbitt, Medina, Harriman. So carried.
Roll call vote, no: None.

The meeting moved into Executive Session at 8:35 P.M. Participants were City Council, City Attorney Landwehr, City Manager Coleman, Finance Director Hanson, Fire Marshall Spritzer, Building Official Sniffen and Community Development Director Westbay.

The Regular Session meeting reconvened at 9:04 P.M. and Mayor Ferguson stated, for the record, that no items were discussed during the Executive Session, other than the stated agenda item, and no action was taken during the Executive Session.

Adjournment: At 9:07 P.M.

Mayor

Deputy City Clerk